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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" All the village officers in the Malabar district, including those in the Palghat taluk, who claimed their travelling alowance for attending to election duties in connexion with the last General Elections have been paid the amounts due to them. There are no claims in this regard pending settlement in any of the taluks."

Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive.

* 193 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the report of the Committee appointed to examine the working of the policy of separation of Judiciary and Executive in the State and come to any decision ; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to implement the policy of separation of Judiciary and Executive in Malabar district, and if so, when?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to his starred question No. 2.

" (*b*) The policy will be implemented but the Government are not in a position now to state when the scheme of separation will be introduced in Malabar district."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that the Committee that was appointed to go into the working of the scheme of the separation of the judiciary from the executive has used very strong language to point out the deterioration in the administration of criminal justice in non-separation districts and in view of the fact that the High Court has expressed in a very recent judgment that the separation is essential to create confidence in criminal justice, may I know why the Government are hesitating to enforce the scheme in the non-separation districts? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I may tell the hon. Member that the Committee was appointed to see the defects in the working of the separation and to suggest ways and means to mend them. The implementation of the policy of the Government is there and it was never referred to them for remarks. The hon. Members may rest assured that the Government have not changed their policy."

Rate of pay of workers during the pendency of adjudication proceedings.

* 194 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder is not in his place. So the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

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Sri M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the rate at which the labourers are paid for the interim period when a labour dispute is pending before a tribunal?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Under section 33 (a) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, as amended, read with section 20 (3) of the same Act, an employer who is a party to an industrial dispute shall continue to pay his workers, during the period of pendency of adjudication proceedings before a tribunal, wages at the rates which were paid on the date of reference of the dispute for adjudication."

Licence fee for fish-catching nets.

* 195 *Q.*—Sri V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government issued orders to collect licence fee for fish-catching nets;

(*b*) whether this order applied to fishing in salt water also;

(*c*) whether the Government have stopped supplying yarn through the Fisheries department for the nets at a discount of 25 per cent; and

(*d*) whether the Government received any representations regarding this matter from the fishermen of Nizampatnam, Guntur district?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes. In certain inland waters and back waters, the Government have introduced the system of issuing licences for fishing on payment of nominal fees. There is no such restriction in the case of sea fishery.

" (*c*) During 1952–53, the subsidy for the supply of yarn for mending old nets has been reduced from 25 per cent to 6¼ per cent. The supply of yarn to fishermen for the construction of new nets is made at cost price plus incidental charges without any loss to Government.

" (*d*) No."

Sri V. SRI KRISHNA :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state why the Government went back upon their previous commitment in supplying yarn at reduced rates and why they are collecting licence fee when the fishermen in general are in hardship? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There was a change in the policy."

Sri SAKA VENKATA RAO :—" ఒక్కొక్క వలకు ఎంత licence-fee వేశారో చెప్పగలరా ?"

9-10 a.m. The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."